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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF TORTURE IN ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. ONE QUESTION OF WHICH WE PRESENTLY NEED AN UPDATE IS THAT OF TORTURE. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PRESS PLAY RECENTLY ON THIS SUBJECT AND U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE NOT GIVEN IT THE PUBLICITY IT ONCE WAS ACCORDED.

2. DEPARTMENT REALIZES HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO OBTAIN AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ON TORTURE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSIONS. DOES GOA CONTINUE TO FREQUENTLY USE TORTURE? IS IT PRIMARILY USED DURING FIRST DAYS OF DETENTION? --ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS ESPECIALLY SINGLED OUT? DOES TORTURE TAKE PLACE IN TRANSFERS OF PRISONERS BETWEEN FROM JAIL TO JAIL? WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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